

## Special Notice

If you plan to attend Worship in person, please call/e-mail the church office no later than noon on the Thursday before the Saturday or Sunday you want to attend. Please note that the plans set forth are subject to immediate change. You may still join us for Worship on Cox channel 13 or live streamed at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/>



# KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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### Kountze Food Pantry

#### Volunteers Needed

**Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM**

**9:00 - 11:00 AM**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Fridays, 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

The Kountze Food Pantry is collecting the following items: new or like new reusable tote bags (we cannot reuse plastic grocery sacks), toilet paper, cereal, and full-sized hygiene products. Please place your donated items in the shopping cart as you enter for church, in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall, or in the church office. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! If you are able to volunteer, please sign up by using the link below:  
<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

### Sponsor Our Youth on the 2021

#### KMLC Summer Youth Trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma

Please consider sponsoring the 2021 Summer Youth Trip. Your donation can be placed in the offering or mail it to the church office. Make sure you mark in the memo that it is for the Mission Trip Sponsorship. Another option to give is to visit [www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org) and click on "Online Giving" to donate on the web! Again, you will find in the section for Children and Youth Ministries the line item for Mission Trip Sponsorship. Our gift back to you will be a time to gather and share our experience of this trip with you. It would be most helpful to receive all donations by June 1. Thanks for your consideration! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Shari at [shari@kmlchurch.org](mailto:shari@kmlchurch.org) or 402-341-7761.

### Attendance and Giving

**Saturday Attendance:** 25

**Sunday Attendance: 9:00:** 112

**Wednesday Attendance:** 13

**Total:** 150

**Streaming Attendance:** 87

**Cox Cable Attendance:** 247

**Pantry Guests Served:** 797

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 20

#### Offering:

\$25,543.00 (Regular)      \$25,003.36 (Specials)

\$3,735.00 (Debt Reduction)

### Wednesday Worship

**12:15 PM**

Our midweek Eucharist has resumed. You do not need to pre-register. Enter through the Farnam Street doors to the Sanctuary.

### Home Devotion on Generosity for the 7 Weeks of Easter

During the Easter Season, the Live it Out resource from the Nebraska Synod and the ELCA Generosity Project, have provided a faith formation at home resource for you to use. It is provided to help in Growing God's Generous Generations. For seven weeks, a resource for you to work through on your own or with others in your home, will be provided. It centers our attention on God's generosity to us and our response to God's graciousness. Go to: <https://files.constantcontact.com/8c919081201/ec610d76-7bdc-4cde-b2d3-ee37674c8c32.pdf> for week s 6 & 7.

### Today at Kountze

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Shirley Bonneau's birthday given by Karen Bonneau; given by Lynn & John Schneiderman in honor of their 33<sup>rd</sup> Wedding anniversary.

**Television Broadcast** is sponsored given by Mary Olson in thanksgiving for God's many blessings

### Youth Forum

**In-Person & Zoom on Sundays, 10:15 - 11:00 AM**

All 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to join us!

We will meet in person in the Youth Room and on Zoom each week

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Bible Ponderings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: High School Hang Out
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Serving in the World
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Host Middle School Hangout
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Adventures (if on Zoom, we will carry you along with us)

Contact Pastor Shari (402-341-7761 or [shari@kmlchurch.org](mailto:shari@kmlchurch.org)) if you need the Zoom Link info. We will continue to be masked and physically distanced for all meetings in person at the church.

## *Eavesdropping can nurture the Christian faith.*

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples
Monday	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Mathias replaces Judas
Tuesday	1 John 5:9-13	Knowing about eternal life
Wednesday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:8-18	David's psalm of praise
Friday	Colossians 4:2-6	Never give up praying
Saturday	Psalms 1	The way of happiness
Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit



*“And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” John 17:11 (NRSV)*

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Protecting God, you know the challenges in our daily lives; give us courage to love others and to trust you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, may we use this food to strengthen our bodies to serve others through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God watch over you and keep you safe through Christ our Lord.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a moment when you overheard a conversation not intended for you.
- Have you ever overheard someone pray? If so, what was that like for you?
- Jesus' disciples overheard him praying. How do you think that influenced their faith?

*Read:* John 17:6-19.

Jesus is praying for believers, present and future. The context of this prayer is helpful: the disciples overhear everything Jesus says. It is fascinating how often Christians can think back and recall moments when they overheard parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, or even strangers express their faith in ways that strengthened the eavesdropping individual. A grandparent praying or someone simply talking candidly about their faith in Christ in a way that was not trying to force on the eavesdropper a particular conviction can strengthen one's faith. Jesus' disciples overheard Jesus and recorded his words, his prayer, for the church. This recorded prayer acknowledged that Jesus is one with God the Father and that Jesus' disciples will be protected by God and cared for by one another. That is a candid message worthy of overhearing. When have you overheard someone say something that encouraged your faith in Christ? When might someone overhear you and be strengthened for a life of faith?

*Pray:* **Loving God, strengthen us in our faith and guide us to walk in love with brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.**

Psalms 1 makes it clear that who you gather with or who your friends are impacts your own journey in life. Being with people who are kind helps us to follow their example. Think about someone you know who is kind and in what ways they show kindness. How can you show kindness and compassion this week?

Jesus knew he was going to die soon so he prayed aloud for himself and his friends. One of the benefits of you praying aloud is that others get to hear or “overhear” your words. “Faith is caught more than it is taught” is a principle of faith formation. Make it a practice this week to pray aloud for your friends and family, even when you are alone—or think you are alone. Say prayers for what is special about your friends and ask God to protect and bless them.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**